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LAZARD ASSET MANAGEMENT

SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Investment Overview

Dear Shareholders,

We are pleased to present this third quarter report for Lazard Global Total Return & Income Fund, Inc. (□LGI□ or the □Fund□), for the period ended September 30, 2008. LGI is a diversified, closed-end management investment company that began trading on the New York Stock Exchange (□NYSE□) on April 28, 2004. Its ticker symbol is □LGI.□

The Fund has been in operation for almost four-and-a-half years. Thus far in 2008, the Fund Net Asset Value (NAV) performance has defended well versus the benchmark in a period of extraordinary global market weakness. We are similarly pleased with LGI favorable NAV returns over the last year and since inception. We believe that the Fund has provided investors with an attractive yield and diversification, backed by the extensive experience, commitment, and professional management of Lazard Asset Management LLC (the Investment Manager or Lazard).

Portfolio Update (as of September 30, 2008)

For the third quarter of 2008, the Fund \Box s NAV decreased 7.6%, comfortably outperforming the Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI®) World® Index (the \Box Index \Box) loss of 15.3%. Similarly, for the year-to-date, the Fund \Box s NAV has fallen 17.7%, defending well versus the Index loss of 24.2%. The Fund \Box s since inception annualized NAV return of 7.3% has also comfortably outpaced the Index, which has declined by 4.4% in this time period. Shares of LGI ended the third quarter of 2008 with a market price of \$14.68, representing a 23.6% discount to the Fund \Box s NAV of \$19.21. The Fund \Box s net assets were \$184.5 million as of September 30, 2008, with total leveraged assets of \$259.0 million, representing 28.8% leverage.

We believe that LGI\[]s investment thesis remains sound, as demonstrated by the Fund\[]s favorable NAV performance this year and since inception. The Fund\[]s defensive characteristics and positioning enabled it to deliver strong relative performance with both security selection and sector allocation having significant positive effects. In particular, an underweight exposure to the materials sector, and good stock selection in the financials and information technology sectors added value. Furthermore, following on from a very strong year in 2007, the smaller, short-duration\[^1\] emerging market currency and debt portion of the Fund has actually managed to produce modest positive performance this year despite a challenging global market environment. This portfolio has been a meaningful positive contributor to performance for the Fund since inception.

As of September 30, 2008, 68.5% of the Fund stotal leveraged assets consisted of global equities and 31.2% consisted of emerging market currency and debt instruments, while the remaining 0.3% consisted of cash and other net assets.

Declaration of Dividends

Pursuant to LGI managed distribution policy, the Fund source source and of Directors has declared a monthly dividend distribution of \$0.1042 per share on the Fund soutstanding stock each month since inception. The Fund continues to maintain this distribution level. In addition, in December of 2006, and in September and December of 2007, the Fund made additional required distributions of accumulated income and net realized capital gains. The cumulative distributions for the last 12 months ended September 30, 2008 totaled \$1.53 per share. There was no return of capital in 2007, and the Fund has not returned capital to investors since its inception. The current distribution yield is 8.5%, based on the annualized current distribution and the share price of \$14.68 at the close of NYSE trading on September 30, 2008.

Additional Information

Please note that available on www.LazardNet.com are frequent updates on the Fund\(\sigma\) s performance, press releases, and a monthly fact sheet that provides information about the Fund\(\sigma\) s major holdings, sector weightings, regional exposures, and other characteristics. You may also reach Lazard by phone at 1-800-828-5548.

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On behalf of Lazard, we thank you for your investment in Lazard Global Total Return & Income Fund, Inc. and look forward to continuing to serve your investment needs in the future.

Message from the Portfolio Managers

Global Equity Portfolio (68.5% of total leveraged assets)

The Fund s global equity portfolio is invested primarily in equity securities of large, well-known global companies with strong financial productivity at attractive valuations. Examples include GlaxoSmithKline, a global research-based pharmaceutical company based in the United Kingdom; Bank of America, a holding company that provides banking and non-banking financial services and products in the United States and internationally; Nokia Corp., a Finland-based manufacturer of mobile telephones; and Total SA, a French energy supplier that explores for, produces, refines, transports, and markets oil and natural gas.

Companies held in the global equity portfolio are all based in developed-market regions around the world. As of September 30, 2008, 44.9% of these stocks were based in North America, 25.3% were based in Continental Europe (not including the United Kingdom), 19.1% were from the United Kingdom, 7.9% were from Japan, and 2.8% were from the rest of Asia (not including Japan). The global equity portfolio is similarly well diversified across a number of industry sectors. The top two sectors, by weight, at September 30, were financials (24.5%), which includes banks, insurance companies, and financial services companies, and information technology (17.9%), a sector that encompasses industries involved in the design, development, installation, and implementation of information systems and applications, including hardware, software, IT services, and media-related companies. Other sectors in the portfolio include consumer discretionary, consumer staples, energy, health care, industrials, telecommunication services, materials, and utilities. The average dividend yield on the global equity portfolio was approximately 3.0% as of September 30, 2008.

Global Equity Markets Review

Financial markets experienced virtually unprecedented turbulence in September. Subsequent to the initial emergence of the problems in the credit markets just over one year prior, the quarter saw a global credit crisis entering its most damaging phase to date. Substantial declines were experienced across the world stock markets, reflected in a 15.3% fall in the MSCI World Index over the quarter. The crisis in the banking system, caused by a shortage of liquidity and widespread concern about the quality of assets held by banks, led to a number of widely publicized episodes in the financials sector across the United States and Europe, including the collapse or forced sale of a number of former heavyweight financial institutions, such as investment banks Lehman Brothers and Merrill Lynch, and direct intervention in distressed financial systems by a number of national governments. Worries of a global economic slowdown also sparked a major decline in prices for a range of commodities, including oil. The West Texas Intermediate crude oil spot price peaked at \$140 per barrel before sliding to \$101 per barrel by the end of the period. Elsewhere, the price of gold climbed sharply towards the end of the quarter. The period concluded with the unexpected rejection of the U.S. Government Emergency Economic Stabilization Act by the House of Representatives, which prompted one of the largest-ever one-day falls in the history of the U.S. stock market. The legislation, which was intended to shore up the ailing U.S. financial system, remained under intense discussion at the close of the quarter.

What Helped and What Hurt LGI

The Fund\(\)s defensive characteristics and positioning enabled it to deliver strong relative performance over this unprecedented quarter. Both our security selection and sector allocation had significant positive effects. Although there are inevitably many stories to touch upon in such a volatile quarter, there were two key drivers of our outperformance: an underweight exposure to the materials sector, and positive stock selection in the financials and information technology sectors. We

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have long questioned valuations and the sustainability of returns in the materials sector, most notably with regard to mining companies. Our very limited exposure to the sector proved highly beneficial in a quarter that saw the materials sector fall significantly. Our stock selection within the sector also added value. In the information technology sector, where we retain a substantial overweight exposure, a number of holdings added considerable value. Major software producer Microsoft was the best performer, benefiting from its robust balance sheet and significant free-cash-flow generation. The portfolio was hurt by stock selection within the consumer staples and within France.

Emerging Market Currency and Debt Portfolio (31.2% of total leveraged assets)

The Fund also seeks enhanced income through investing in primarily high-yielding, short-duration (typically, under one year) emerging market forward currency contracts and local currency debt instruments. As of September 30, 2008, this portfolio consisted primarily of forward currency contracts (58.5%) and a smaller allocation to sovereign debt obligations (30.5%) and structured notes (11.0%). The average duration of the emerging market currency and debt portfolio was approximately 10.9 months, as of September 30, with an average yield of 11.3%.2

Emerging Market Currency and Debt Market Review Global de-leveraging was the dominant theme of the third quarter. However, falling equity markets in both developing and emerging markets, a severe correction in energy and other commodity prices, and risk aversion were also major components of the global markets third quarter result. Inflation is no longer a key concern. Policy focus has shifted toward preserving growth in most countries, given the marked deterioration in global economic growth prospects. The TED Spread (Treasury [] Eurodollar spread) reached levels not seen since the 1970s. U.S. dollar and yen cash is king, with the unwinding of risk positions funded in these particular currencies.

The portfolios performance is primarily derived from two sources of return: yield and currency. During the quarter, many emerging market money markets posted negative returns, some substantial, as the rapid pace of emerging market currency depreciation overwhelmed even the substantial rise in interest rates at the short of inter-bank yield curves on the back of global inter-bank funding pressures. The aggregate interest rate on the portfolios positions rose by approximately 5% since the second quarter to nearly 12% by the end of September; however, this yield cushion was partially eroded by the historically high TED spread, which reduced the actual realized yield of the portfolio to approximately 8.3% . Still, the Funds short duration exposures benefited from the spike in short term yields, presenting a compelling reinvestment opportunity (on a selective basis) as maturing positions came due.

What Helped and What Hurt LGI

There were notable emerging market local currency headlines during the quarter, including the collapse of the South Korean won, which lost one-third of its value during August and September. Fortunately, the portfolio had no exposure to the Korean won. The portfolio also successfully avoided other local currency markets that suffered substantial third quarter losses such as South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Romania, to name a few. Elsewhere, light positioning in Chile and Colombia limited losses. Performance was helped by the fact that Eastern European and CIS/Baltic exposure had been significantly reduced earlier in the year. We anticipated deterioration in Eurozone data (relative to the U.S.), partly owing to the ECB[]s stubborn maintenance of a tight monetary stance. CIS/Baltic and Emerging European markets are vulnerable to decline in European demand for their exports. We also extended duration where the risk premia warranted, and benefited from the subsequent yield curve rallies. FX-hedged longer duration positions in Colombia and Mexico[]s interest rate markets contributed positively to performance, despite weakness in the currency markets of these countries. Elsewhere, increased exposures to Turkey, which benefited from seasonal summer tourism inflows, and to Israel, which gains on reverse domestic institutional fund repatriation (in times of global equity market distress), helped perfor-

Investment Overview (continued)

mance. The portfolio\[\]s ongoing significant exposure to \[\] frontier\[\] countries\[\] generated continued alpha owing to their favorably low correlation with global risk appetite trends, limited stock of foreign investor involvement, and policy-influenced currency regimes. This characteristic contrasts sharply with the liquid emerging markets, which have attracted record amounts of foreign equity/currency/debt investor inflows in recent years, and hence are suffering substantial selling pressure as the foreign capital withdraws, en masse. Most of the portfolio\[\]s losses were attributable to several countries where the impact of global de-leveraging, foreign capital outflow, and credit market distress was most pronounced. This includes Brazil, Russia, India, Malaysia, and the Hungarian fixed income market. Portfolio performance was detracted by the global liquidity unwind which led to pronounced dollar strength versus most emerging market currencies.

Notes to Investment Overview:

- 1 A measure of the average cash weighted term-to-maturity of the investment holdings. Duration is a measure of the price sensitivity of a bond to interest rate movements. Duration for a forward currency contract is equal to its term-to-maturity.
- The quoted yield does not account for the implicit cost of borrowing on the forward currency contracts, which would reduce the yield shown.

All returns reflect reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. Past performance is not indicative, nor a guarantee, of future results.

The performance data of the Index and other market data have been prepared from sources and data that the Investment Manager believes to be reliable, but no representation is made as to their accuracy. The Index represents market value-weighted average returns of selected securities listed on the stock exchanges of Europe, Australasia and the Far East, New Zealand, Canada, and the United States. The Index is unmanaged, has no fees or costs and is not available for investment.

The views of the Fund[s management and the portfolio holdings described in this report are as of September 30, 2008; these views and portfolio holdings may have changed subsequent to this date. Nothing herein should be construed as a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold a particular investment. There is no assurance that the portfolio holdings discussed herein will remain in the Fund at the time you receive this report, or that portfolio holdings sold will not have been repurchased. The specific portfolio holdings discussed may in aggregate represent only a small percentage of the Fund[s holdings. It should not be assumed that investments identified and discussed were, or will be, profitable, or that the investment decisions we make in the future will be profitable, or equal the performance of the investments discussed herein.

The views and opinions expressed are provided for general information only, and do not constitute specific tax, legal, or investment advice to, or recommendations for, any person. There can be no guarantee as to the accuracy of the outlooks for markets, sectors and securities as discussed herein. You should read the Fund prospectus for a more detailed discussion of the Fund investment objective, strategies, risks and fees.

Investment Overview (continued)

Comparison of Changes in Value of \$10,000 Investment in LGI and MSCI World Index* (unaudited)

Average Annual Total Returns* Periods Ended September 30, 2008 (unaudited)

	One	Since
	Year	Inception**
Market Price	(28.90)%	0.54%
Net Asset Value	(18.46)	7.27
MSCI World Index	(26.05)	4.35

* All returns reflect reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. The performance quoted represents past performance. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Past performance is not indicative, nor a guarantee, of future results; the investment return, market price and net asset value of the Fund will fluctuate, so that an investor shares in the Fund, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a stockholder would pay on the Fund distributions or on the sale of Fund shares.

The performance data of the Index has been prepared from sources and data that the Investment Manager believes to be reliable, but no representation is made as to its accuracy. The Index represents market value-weighted average returns of selected securities listed on the stock exchanges of Europe, Australasia and the Far East, New Zealand, Canada, and the United States. The Index is unmanaged, has no fees or costs and is not available for investment.

** The Fund inception date was April 28, 2004.

Investment Overview (concluded)

Ten Largest Equity Holdings September 30, 2008 (unaudited)

		Percentage of
Security	Value	Net Assets
Microsoft Corp.	\$8,711,616	4.7%
Exxon Mobil Corp.	8,162,066	4.4
Oracle Corp.	8,117,907	4.4
Johnson & Johnson	7,225,904	3.9
Diageo PLC Sponsored ADR	6,961,746	3.8
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	6,953,443	3.8
International Business Machines Corp.	6,865,552	3.7
HSBC Holdings PLC Sponsored ADR	6,167,329	3.3
Cisco Systems, Inc.	4,972,224	2.7
Singapore Telecommunications, Ltd. ADR	4,880,630	2.7

Portfolio of Investments September 30, 2008 (unaudited)

Description	Shares	Value
Common Stocks□96.2%		
Finland 2.0%		
Nokia Corp. Sponsored ADR (c)	192,800	\$ 3,595,720
France 6.7%		
GDF Suez Sponsored ADR	75,981	3,723,069
Sanofi-Aventis ADR	105,200	3,457,924
Societe Generale Sponsored ADR	72,000	1,231,920
Total SA Sponsored ADR	64,000	3,883,520
Total France		12,296,433
ireland□1.1%		
CRH PLC Sponsored ADR	98,300	2,095,756
ltaly 1.0%		
Eni SpA Sponsored ADR	36,350	1,924,733
Japan∏7.6%		
Canon, Inc. Sponsored ADR	44,700	1,687,425
Hoya Corp. Sponsored ADR	73,500	1,447,950
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.		
ADR	528,000	4,614,720
Nomura Holdings, Inc. ADR	332,600	4,350,408
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group,		
Inc. ADR	321,200	1,968,956
Total Japan		14,069,459
Netherlands 2.4%		
Heineken NV ADR	225,600	4,487,184
Singapore 2.7%		
Singapore Telecommunications, Ltd.		
ADR	217,400	4,880,630
Sweden 0.6%		
Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson		
Sponsored ADR	123,800	1,167,434
Switzerland 10.5%		
Credit Suisse Group Sponsored		
ADR	73,400	3,543,752
Nestle SA Sponsored ADR (c)	86,000	3,680,800
Novartis AG ADR	78,900	4,169,076

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Roche Holding AG Sponsored		
ADR	46,200	3,571,260
UBS AG (a)	107,587	1,887,076
Zurich Financial Services AG ADR	92,500	2,571,500
Total Switzerland		19,423,464
United Kingdom□18.4%		
Barclays PLC Sponsored ADR	82,328	2,033,502
BP PLC Sponsored ADR	97,100	4,871,507
Cadbury PLC Sponsored ADR	72,128	2,952,920
Diageo PLC Sponsored ADR (c)	101,100	6,961,746
GlaxoSmithKline PLC Sponsored		
ADR	80,200	3,485,492
HSBC Holdings PLC Sponsored		
ADR	76,300	6,167,329
Tesco PLC Sponsored ADR	153,200	3,171,240
Vodafone Group PLC Sponsored		
ADR (c)	191,712	4,236,835
Total United Kingdom		33,880,571
United States ☐43.2%		
Bank of America Corp. (c)	138,200	4,837,000
Bank of New York Mellon Corp.	103,600	3,375,288
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	92,600	1,930,710
Cisco Systems, Inc. (a), (c)	220,400	4,972,224
ConocoPhillips	32,900	2,409,925
Dr Pepper Snapple Group, Inc. (a)	54,096	1,432,462
Exxon Mobil Corp.	105,100	8,162,066
General Electric Co. (c)	116,300	2,965,650
International Business Machines		
Corp.	58,700	6,865,552
Johnson & Johnson (c)	104,300	7,225,904
JPMorgan Chase & Co. (c)	148,896	6,953,443
Microsoft Corp.	326,400	8,711,616
Oracle Corp. (a), (c)	399,700	8,117,907
The Home Depot, Inc.	165,500	4,284,795
United Technologies Corp. (c)	68,900	4,138,134
Wyeth	88,900	3,283,966
Total United States		79,666,642
Total Common Stocks		
(Identified cost \$177,792,071)		177,488,026

See Notes to Portfolio of Investments.

Portfolio of Investments (continued)

September 30, 2008 (unaudited)

Peru
☐1.1%

	Principal Amount	
Description	(000) (d)	Value
Foreign Government		
Obligations 13.1%		
Brazil□1.2%		
Brazil NTN-F:		
10.00%, 07/01/10	2,641	\$ 1,296,367
10.00%, 01/01/12	2,000	965,043
Total Brazil		2,261,410
Egypt 3.9%		
Egypt Treasury Bills:		
0.00%, 10/28/08	25,800	4,676,118
0.00%, 11/18/08	2,850	512,723
0.00%, 12/23/08	2,975	528,681
0.00%, 02/24/09	1,500	260,839
0.00%, 03/03/09	6,725	1,166,635
Total Egypt		7,144,996
Ghana∏0.3%		
Ghanaian Government Bonds:		
13.50%, 03/30/10	420	318,313
14.00%, 03/07/11	310	223,470
Total Ghana		541,783
Hungary∏1.8%		
Hungarian Government Bonds:		
6.00%, 10/12/11	81,400	429,648
7.25%, 06/12/12	451,400	2,446,854
5.50%, 02/12/14	87,700	438,279
Total Hungary		3,314,781
Israel⊡0.3%		
Israel Government Bond,		
7.00%, 04/29/11	2,001	604,655
Mexico□1.5%		
Mexican Bonos:		
9.00%, 12/20/12	13,145	1,230,136
7.75%, 12/14/17	17,000	1,487,743
Total Mexico		2,717,879

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Peru Bono Soberano, 12.25%, 08/10/11 Poland 0.2% Polish Government Bond, 6.25%, 10/24/15	5,584 879	2,059,668 371,096
Turkey ☐2.6% Turkish Government Bonds:		
0.00%, 10/07/09	3,230	2,127,229
14.00%, 01/19/11	3,570	2,544,622
Total Turkey	3,370	4,671,851
Uganda 0.2%		
Uganda Government Bond,		
10.00%, 04/01/10	676,000	387,344
Total Foreign Government		
Obligations		
(Identified cost \$25,203,888)		24,075,463
Structured Notes 3.8%		
Brazil□2.3%		
Citigroup Funding, Inc. Brazil		
Inflation-Indexed Currency and		
Credit Linked Unsecured Notes		
NTN-B:		
9.50%, 05/18/09 (e)	927	1,260,104
9.40%, 08/17/10 (e)	1,029	1,352,218
8.80%, 05/18/15:	000	1 220 507
Series LTCLN0335 (e)	989	1,239,507
Series LTCLN0948 (e) Total Brazil	365	388,378
iotai biazii		4,240,207
Colombia 1.5%		
Citigroup Funding, Inc. Colombia		
TES Credit Linked Unsecured Note,		
12.01%, 04/27/12 (e)	397	425,778
JPMorgan Chase & Co. Colombian		
Peso Linked Notes:		
10.77%, 11/14/10 (e)	1,200	1,041,120
11.92%, 03/05/15 (e)	1,638	1,285,830
Total Colombia		2,752,728
Total Structured Notes (Identified cost \$6,531,542)		6 002 025
(Identified Cost \$0,331,342)		6,992,935

See Notes to Portfolio of Investments.

Portfolio of Investments (continued)

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Description Corporate Bond □ 0.8%	Principal Amount (000) (d)		Value
United States ☐ 0.8% JPMorgan Chase & Co.,			
9.28%, 06/20/11			
(Identified cost \$1,668,786) (e)	40,000	\$	1,538,039
Supranationals 0.4%			
African Development Bank,			
12.00%, 10/19/08 (f)	460		374,903
European Investment Bank,			
12.25%, 02/26/10 (g)	1,375,000		373,461
Total Supranationals			
(Identified cost \$778,931)			748,364
Total Investments 114.3%			
(Identified cost \$211,975,218) (b)		\$ 2	10,842,827
Liabilities in Excess of Cash and			
Other Assets[14.3)% Net Assets[100.0%			(26,364,753) .84,478,074

See Notes to Portfolio of Investments.

Portfolio of Investments (continued) September 30, 2008 (unaudited)

Forward Currency Purchase Contracts open at September 30, 2008:

			U.S. \$ Cost	U.S. \$		
Forward Currency	Expiration	Foreign	on Origination	Current	Unrealized	Unrealized
Purchase Contracts	Date	Currency	Date	Value	Appreciation	Depreciation
AED	10/29/08	7,726,000	\$ 2,103,572	\$ 2,103,797	\$ 225	\$
AED	11/17/08	5,257,000	1,431,255	1,431,586	331	
ARS	10/20/08	1,536,003	486,000	486,472	472	
ARS	10/20/08	1,556,975	490,000	493,114	3,114	
ARS	10/20/08	1,555,212	492,000	492,555	555	
BRL	11/13/08	1,887,502	1,093,000	984,192		108,808
CLP	12/17/08	510,449,250	951,000	919,867		31,133
CNY	06/24/09	13,508,603	2,094,000	1,947,002		146,998
CNY	09/08/09	2,953,900	436,000	425,983		10,017
COP	10/02/08	400,331,700	201,000	182,879		18,121
COP	10/02/08	1,408,704,000	704,000	643,523		60,477
COP	11/04/08	874,800,000	400,000	397,671		2,329
EUR	10/06/08	689,000	979,552	969,974		9,578
EUR	10/06/08	577,000	835,208	812,301		22,907
EUR	10/06/08	403,146	625,207	567,550		57,657
EUR	10/13/08	1,033,000	1,456,840	1,455,300		1,540
EUR	10/14/08	1,121,000	1,580,946	1,579,437		1,509
EUR	10/28/08	1,311,732	1,854,853	1,850,823		4,030
GHC	10/20/08	561,300	473,272	478,150	4,878	
GHC	11/28/08	865,700	728,397	720,055		8,342
GHC	12/22/08	155,000	127,993	127,111		882
HUF	10/20/08	64,732,000	375,759	375,764	5	
IDR	10/14/08	10,310,220,000	1,098,000	1,092,147		5,853
IDR	11/17/08	18,290,181,000	1,911,000	1,928,232	17,232	
IDR	12/09/08	6,971,500,000	730,000	732,539	2,539	
ILS	10/15/08	3,296,180	911,000	949,022	38,022	
ILS	11/04/08	2,953,349	816,000	849,913	33,913	
INR	10/16/08	44,520,680	967,000	948,003		18,997
INR	10/23/08	51,354,030	1,183,000	1,093,549		89,451
INR	11/03/08	8,988,240	204,000	191,409		12,591
INR	11/10/08	78,648,990	1,851,000	1,674,752		176,248
KES	10/16/08	17,546,000	248,000	239,779		8,221
KES	10/21/08	17,972,000	252,726	245,599		7,127
KES	10/22/08	29,819,000	407,224	407,496	272	
KWD	10/08/08	288,360	1,080,000	1,080,266	266	
KWD	10/22/08	319,000	1,187,198	1,193,980	6,782	
KWD	10/30/08	968,000	3,525,127	3,621,259	96,132	
MXN	10/06/08	9,778,654	929,000	894,130		34,870

See Notes to Portfolio of Investments.

Portfolio of Investments (continued) September 30, 2008 (unaudited)

Forward Currency Purchase Contracts open at September 30, 2008 (continued):

				U	.S. \$ Cost	U.S. \$				
Forward Currency	Expiration	Foreign			Origination	Current	Ur	realized		realized
Purchase Contracts	Date	Currency	&		Date	Value	App	oreciation	Dep	reciation
MYR	10/03/08	1,741,686		\$	513,000	\$ 505,936	\$		\$	7,064
MYR	10/03/08	1,741,686			505,951	505,936				15
MYR	10/07/08	2,227,276			682,000	647,060				34,940
MYR	10/14/08	2,887,731			891,000	839,539				51,461
MYR	10/20/08	2,560,860			738,000	744,970		6,970		
MYR	10/24/08	3,879,831			1,201,000	1,129,134				71,866
MYR	11/03/08	2,139,694			623,000	623,351		351		
MYR	11/03/08	1,196,424			348,000	348,551		551		
MYR	11/28/08	2,627,552			785,000	767,098				17,902
NGN	10/14/08	64,611,850			547,604	548,200		596		
NGN	10/16/08	101,813,250			861,000	863,836		2,836		
NGN	10/27/08	66,388,000			560,000	563,270		3,270		
NGN	10/31/08	161,737,000			1,361,423	1,360,401				1,022
NGN	11/20/08	36,146,000			305,597	304,031				1,566
NGN	11/24/08	66,076,000			558,452	555,778				2,674
PEN	10/21/08	1,691,746			596,000	566,673				29,327
PEN	11/10/08	401,731			144,000	134,382				9,618
PEN	12/03/08	721,103			243,000	240,766				2,234
PEN	12/10/08	1,677,008			562,000	559,609				2,391
PEN	03/03/09	2,749,120			968,000	911,012				56,988
PEN	03/11/09	1,596,335			533,000	528,851				4,149
PHP	10/15/08	44,719,920			934,000	950,532		16,532		
PHP	10/27/08	55,769,480			1,196,000	1,185,486				10,514
PHP	12/11/08	45,077,500			949,000	958,558		9,558		
PLN	10/06/08	2,341,599			964,733	970,551		5,818		
PLN	10/06/08	1,055,274			512,966	437,392				75,574
PLN	10/14/08	3,892,602			1,761,000	1,613,548				147,452
PLN	10/14/08	4,018,830			1,635,000	1,665,872		30,872		
PLN	10/14/08	1,526,562			666,912	632,785				34,127
RUB	10/14/08	14,834,880			606,000	577,515				28,485
RUB	10/22/08	6,858,155			269,000	266,699				2,301
RUB	10/22/08	80,990,000			3,221,239	3,149,534				71,705
RUB	12/02/08	11,377,905			439,429	439,880		451		
RUB	12/11/08	22,029,000			851,560	851,286				274
RUB	03/16/09	11,377,905			462,000	435,064				26,936
SGD	12/26/08	1,332,000			940,944	930,666				10,278
SKK	10/28/08	39,686,450			2,049,216	1,845,799				203,417
TRY	10/10/08	367,808			284,000	289,013		5,013		

See Notes to Portfolio of Investments.

Portfolio of Investments (continued) September 30, 2008 (unaudited)

Forward Currency Purchase Contracts open at September 30, 2008 (concluded):

			U.S. \$ Cost	U.S. \$		
Forward Currency	Expiration	Foreign	on Origination	Current	Unrealized	Unrealized
Purchase Contracts	Date	Currency	Date	Value	Appreciation	Depreciation
TRY	10/10/08	812,827	\$ 621,000	\$ 638,695	\$ 17,695	\$
TRY	10/10/08	3,946,020	2,835,599	3,100,663	265,064	
TRY	10/10/08	1,173,000	968,781	921,708		47,073
TRY	10/10/08	535,642	428,000	420,891		7,109
TRY	10/14/08	1,213,249	997,000	952,161		44,839
TRY	06/23/09	3,781,700	2,656,808	2,710,900	54,092	
TZS	10/06/08	340,293,130	293,000	293,094	94	
TZS	10/27/08	516,810,000	440,307	443,742	3,435	
TZS	10/28/08	250,113,000	215,676	215,448		228
TZS	11/03/08	659,394,600	562,000	565,335	3,335	
UAH	10/01/08	2,161,210	425,000	425,854	854	
UAH	11/17/08	2,015,020	389,000	393,209	4,209	
UAH	11/28/08	1,990,000	364,469	386,601	22,132	
UAH	12/17/08	1,713,130	326,000	331,324	5,324	
UAH	12/18/08	1,046,400	192,000	202,523	10,523	
UAH	03/16/09	902,160	168,000	168,265	265	
UGX	10/02/08	1,221,179,000	742,584	730,933		11,651
UGX	10/03/08	572,250,000	350,000	342,445		7,555
UGX	10/24/08	448,920,000	257,569	267,445	9,876	
UGX	10/29/08	410,025,000	235,748	244,014	8,266	
UGX	11/03/08	889,134,400	539,000	528,551		10,449
UGX	11/28/08	268,461,000	161,675	158,691		2,984
UGX	12/24/08	1,125,933,750	657,000	662,948	5,948	
UGX	12/29/08	688,242,280	404,000	404,937	937	
UGX	01/05/09	391,482,000	234,000	229,842		4,158
UGX	04/02/09	980,873,000	564,801	561,096		3,705
ZMK	10/09/08	2,106,092,000	622,000	587,668		34,332
ZMK	10/22/08	894,384,000	248,509	248,678	169	
ZMK	10/23/08	673,200,000	187,000	187,128	128	
ZMK	10/31/08	98,796,000	27,574	27,402		172
ZMK	11/25/08	1,151,851,000	318,323	317,245		1,078
ZMK	11/26/08	1,023,024,000	282,838	281,685		1,153
ZMK	01/12/09	1,332,204,570	321,000	362,312	41,312	
Total Forward Currer	ncy Purchase					
Contracts			\$ 86,526,416	\$ 85,349,178	\$ 741,214	\$ 1,918,452

See Notes to Portfolio of Investments.

Portfolio of Investments (concluded) September 30, 2008 (unaudited)

Forward Currency Sale Contracts open at September 30, 2008:

			U.S. \$ Cost U.S. \$			
Forward Currency	Expiration	Foreign	on Origination	Current	Unrealized	Unrealized
Sale Contracts	Date	Currency	Date	Value	Appreciation	Depreciation
AED	10/08/08	2,410,100	\$ 656,274	\$ 656,151	\$ 123	\$
BRL	10/14/08	4,249,486	2,378,000	2,229,429	148,571	
BRL	11/13/08	1,887,502	980,520	984,191		3,671
COP	10/02/08	1,490,059,500	786,000	680,688	105,312	
COP	10/02/08	318,976,200	146,656	145,714	942	
COP	02/27/09	3,293,053,000	1,649,000	1,467,301	181,699	
EUR	10/06/08	679,000	964,733	955,896	8,837	
EUR	10/06/08	328,000	512,966	461,759	51,207	
EUR	10/06/08	403,146	590,710	567,550	23,160	
EUR	10/28/08	1,310,000	2,049,216	1,848,380	200,836	
EUR	11/28/08	2,446,209	3,582,963	3,454,548	128,415	
HUF	10/14/08	269,819,095	1,580,946	1,567,229	13,717	
HUF	10/20/08	231,041,040	1,334,726	1,341,175		6,449
ILS	11/04/08	2,953,349	867,407	849,913	17,494	
MXN	10/06/08	30,343,526	2,908,000	2,774,519	133,481	
MYR	10/03/08	1,741,686	506,894	505,936	958	
MYR	10/03/08	1,741,686	505,951	505,936	15	
MYR	10/07/08	2,227,276	647,840	647,060	780	
MYR	10/14/08	3,288,162	956,000	955,955	45	
PEN	12/03/08	2,432,520	870,000	812,183	57,817	
PLN	10/06/08	2,321,723	979,552	962,313	17,239	
PLN	10/06/08	1,898,330	835,208	786,824	48,384	
RUB	10/22/08	8,595,000	343,731	334,242	9,489	
RUB	03/16/09	11,377,905	433,940	435,064		1,124
SKK	10/28/08	39,686,450	1,854,853	1,845,799	9,054	
TRY	10/10/08	3,938,000	3,008,403	3,094,362		85,959
TRY	10/10/08	1,188,656	929,000	934,009		5,009
TRY	10/10/08	3,217,379	2,312,000	2,528,119		216,119
TRY	10/10/08	1,516,584	1,157,000	1,191,686		34,686
TRY	10/13/08	1,810,281	1,456,840	1,421,150	35,690	
TZS	10/06/08	340,293,130	293,356	293,094	262	
UAH	10/01/08	2,161,210	427,117	425,854	1,263	
UGX	10/02/08	1,221,179,000	728,193	730,933	,	2,740
Total Forward Cur			\$ 39,233,995	\$ 38,394,962	1,194,790	355,757
	appréciation/d	depreciation on For				
Contracts					\$ 1,936,004	\$ 2,274,209

See Notes to Portfolio of Investments.

Notes to Portfolio of Investments September 30, 2008 (unaudited)

- (a) Non-income producing security.
- (b) For federal income tax purposes, the aggregate cost was \$211,975,218, aggregate gross unrealized appreciation was \$23,271,140, aggregate gross unrealized depreciation was \$24,403,531, and the net unrealized depreciation was \$1,132,391.
- (c) Segregated security for forward currency contracts.
- (d) Principal amount denominated in respective country[s currency unless otherwise specified.
- (e) Pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, these securities may only be traded among □qualified institutional buyers.□ At September 30, 2008, these securities amounted to 4.6% of net assets and are not considered to be liquid. Structured Notes□Principal amount denominated in U.S. dollars. Interest rate shown reflects current yield as of September 30, 2008.
 - Corporate Bond[]Variable rate security. Principal amount denominated in Russian Ruble. Interest rate shown reflects current rate as of September 30, 2008.
- (f) Principal amount denominated in Ghanaian Cedi.
- (g) Principal amount denominated in Zambian Kwacha.

Security Abbreviations:

ADR [] American Depositary Receipt

NTN-B [] Brazil Sovereign []Nota do Tesouro Nacional[] Series B

NTN-F
☐ Brazil Sovereign
☐Nota do Tesouro Nacional ☐Series F

TES

☐ Titulos de Tesoreria

Currency Abbreviations:

AED	☐ United Arab Emirates	MXN	☐ Mexican Peso
	Dirham	MYR	☐ Malaysian Ringgit
ARS	☐ Argentine Peso	NGN	☐ Nigerian Naira
BRL	☐ Brazilian Real	PEN	☐ Peruvian New Sol
CLP	☐ Chilean Peso	PHP	☐ Philippine Peso
CNY	☐ Chinese Renminbi	PLN	□ Polish Zloty
COP	□ Colombian Peso	RUB	☐ Russian Ruble
EUR	☐ Euro	SGD	☐ Singapore Dollar
GHC	☐ Ghanaian Cedi	SKK	🛮 Slovenska Koruna
HUF	☐ Hungarian Forint	TRY	☐ New Turkish Lira
IDR	🛘 Indonesian Rupiah	TZS	☐ Tanzanian Shilling
ILS	🛮 Israeli Shekel	UAH	🛮 Ukranian Hryvnia
INR	☐ Indian Rupee	UGX	Ugandan Shilling
KES	☐ Kenyan Shilling	ZMK	🛮 Zambian Kwacha
KWD	∏ Kuwaiti Dinar		

Portfolio holdings by industry (as percentage of net assets):

Industry

Alcohol & Tobacco	6.2%
Banking	15.1
Computer Software	9.1
Drugs	10.8
Energy Integrated	11.5

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Financial Services	8.0
Food & Beverages	4.4
Gas Utilities	2.0
Housing	1.1
Insurance	1.4
Manufacturing	3.9
Medical Products	3.9
Retail	4.0
Semiconductors & Components	1.7
Technology.	3.7
Technology Hardware	5.3
Telecommunications	4.9
Subtotal	97.0
Foreign Government Obligations	13.1
Structured Notes	3.8
Supranationals	0.4
Total Investments	114.3%

Notes to Portfolio of Investments (continued)
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Valuation of Investments:

Market values for securities are generally based on the last reported sales price on the principal exchange or market on which the security is traded, generally as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on each valuation date. Any securities not listed, for which current over-the-counter market quotations or bids are readily available, are valued at the last quoted bid price or, if available, the mean of two such prices. Forward currency contracts are valued at the current cost of offsetting the contracts. Securities listed on foreign exchanges are valued at the last reported sales price except as described below; securities listed on foreign exchanges that are not traded on the valuation date are valued at the last quoted bid price.

Bonds and other fixed-income securities that are not exchange-traded are valued on the basis of prices provided by pricing services which are based primarily on institutional trading in similar groups of securities, or by using brokers quotations.

If a significant event materially affecting the value of securities occurs between the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded and the time when the Fund snet asset value is calculated, or when current market quotations otherwise are determined not to be readily available or reliable, such securities will be valued at their fair values as determined by, or in accordance with procedures approved by, the Board of Directors. The Valuation Committee of the Investment Manager may evaluate a variety of factors to determine the fair value of securities for which current market quotations are determined not to be readily available or reliable. These factors include, but are not limited to, the type of security, the value of comparable securities, observations from financial institutions and relevant news events. Input from the Investment Manager analysts will also be considered. Fair valuing of foreign securities may be determined with the assistance of a pricing service, using correlations between the movement of prices of such securities and indices of domestic securities and other appropriate indicators, such as closing market prices of relevant ADRs or futures contracts. The effect of using fair value pricing is that the net asset value of the Fund will reflect the affected securities values as determined in the judgment of the Board of Directors, or its designee, instead of being determined by the market. Using a fair value pricing methodology to price securities may result in a value that is different from the most recent closing price of a security and from the prices used by other investment companies to calculate their portfolios net asset values.

Fair Value Measurements:

The Fund adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ([SFAS 157]), effective January 1, 2008. In accordance with SFAS 157, fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive to sell an asset, or would pay to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants at the date of measurement. SFAS 157 also establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurement that is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability. Inputs may be observable or unobservable and refer, broadly, to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Fund. Unobservable inputs reflect the Fund[s own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. Each investment is assigned a level based upon the observability of the inputs which are significant to the overall valuation. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized below.

Notes to Portfolio of Investments (concluded) September 30, 2008 (unaudited)

Level 1 [] quoted prices in active markets for identical investments

Level 2 \square other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

Level $3 \square$ significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund \square s own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The following table summarizes the valuation of the Fund[]s investments by the above fair value hierarchy levels as of September 30, 2008:

			Other
	Investments		Financial
Level	in Securities	I	nstruments*
Level 1	\$ 177,488,026	\$	
Level 2	22,929,658		(338,205)
Level 3	10,425,143		
Total	\$ 210,842,827	\$	(338,205)

^{*} Other financial instruments are derivative instruments such as forward contracts which are valued at the unrealized appreciation/depreciation on the instrument.

Following is a reconciliation of investments in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value:

	Investments in Securities
Balance as of 12/31/07	\$ 6,486,430
Accrued discounts/premiums	10,945
Realized gain (loss)	
Change in unrealized appreciation/	
depreciation	(1,004,165)
Net purchases (sales)	4,931,933
Net transfers in and/or out of Level 3	
Balance as of 9/30/08	\$ 10,425,143
Net change in unrealized appreciation/ depreciation from investments still held	
as of 9/30/08	\$ (1,004,165)

Dividend Reinvestment Plan (unaudited)

Unless you elect to receive distributions in cash (i.e., opt-out), all dividends, including any capital gain distributions, on your Common Stock will be automatically reinvested by Computershare, Inc., as dividend disbursing agent (the Plan Agent), in additional Common Stock under the Funds Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the Plan). You may elect not to participate in the Plan by contacting the Plan Agent. If you do not participate, you will receive all distributions in cash, paid by check mailed directly to you by the Plan Agent.

Under the Plan, the number of shares of Common Stock you will receive will be determined on the dividend or distribution payment date, as follows:

- (1) If the Common Stock is trading at or above net asset value at the time of valuation, the Fund will issue new shares at a price equal to the greater of (i) net asset value per Common Share on that date or (ii) 95% of the Common Stock s market price on that date.
- (2) If the Common Stock is trading below net asset value at the time of valuation, the Plan Agent will receive the dividend or distribution in cash and will purchase Common Stock in the open market, on the NYSE or elsewhere, for the participants accounts. It is possible that the market price for the Common Stock may increase before the Plan Agent has completed its purchases. Therefore, the average purchase price per share paid by the Plan Agent may exceed the market price at the time of valuation, resulting in the purchase of fewer shares than if the dividend or distribution had been paid in Common Stock issued by the Fund. The Plan Agent will use all dividends and distributions received in cash to purchase Common Stock in the open market within 30 days of the valuation date. Interest will not be paid on any uninvested cash payments.

You may withdraw from the Plan at any time by giving written notice to the Plan Agent. If you withdraw or the Plan is terminated, you will receive whole shares in your account under the Plan and you will receive a cash payment for any fraction of a share in your account. If you wish, the Plan Agent will sell your shares and send you the proceeds, minus an initial \$15 service fee plus \$0.12 per share being liquidated (for processing and brokerage expenses).

The Plan Agent maintains all stockholders accounts in the Plan and gives written confirmation of all transactions in the accounts, including information you may need for tax records. Shares of Common Stock in your account will be held by the Plan Agent in non-certificated form. Any proxy you receive will include all Common Stock you have received under the Plan.

There is no brokerage charge for reinvestment of your dividends or distributions in newly-issued shares of Common Stock. However, all participants will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred by the Plan Agent when it makes open market purchases.

Automatically reinvesting dividends and distributions does not mean that you do not have to pay income taxes due upon receiving dividends and distributions.

If you hold your Common Stock with a brokerage firm that does not participate in the Plan, you will not be able to participate in the Plan and any dividend reinvestment may be effected on different terms than those described above. Consult your financial advisor for more information.

The Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan if, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, the change is warranted. There is no direct service charge to participants in the Plan (other than the service charge when you direct the Plan Agent to sell your Common Stock held in a dividend reinvestment account); however, the Fund reserves the right to amend the Plan to include a service charge payable by the participants. Additional information about the Plan may be obtained from the Plan Agent at P.O. Box 43010, Providence, Rhode Island 02940-3010.

Board of Directors and Officers Information (unaudited)

Position(s) Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years

Name (Age) with the Fund(1) and Other Directorships Held

Board of Directors:

Class I
☐ Directors with Term Expiring in 2009

Independent Directors:

Leon M. Pollack (67) Director Former Managing Director, Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette; Trustee,

Adelphi University

Robert M. Solmson (61) Director Director, Colonial Williamsburg Co.; Former Chief Executive

Officer and Chairman, RFS Hotel Investors, Inc.; Former Director, Morgan Keegan & Co., Inc.; Former Director, Independent Bank,

Memphis

Interested Director:

Charles Carroll (48) Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chairman and Head of Global Marketing of the

President and Director Investment Manager

Class II | Directors with Term Expiring in 2010

Independent Directors:

Kenneth S. Davidson (63) Director President, Davidson Capital Management Corporation; President,

Aquiline Advisors LLC; Trustee, The Juilliard School; Chairman of the Board, Bridgehampton Chamber Music Festival; Trustee,

American Friends of the National Gallery, London

Nancy A. Eckl (46) Director Former Vice President, Trust Investments, American Beacon

Advisors, Inc. ([American Beacon[) and Vice President of certain funds advised by American Beacon; Trustee, College Retirement Equities Fund; Trustee, TIAA-CREF Institutional Mutual Funds,

TIAA-CREF Life Funds and TIAA Separate Account VA-I

Lester Z. Lieberman (78) Director Private Investor; Chairman, Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey;

Director, Cives Steel Co.; Director, Northside Power Transmission Co.; Advisory Trustee, New Jersey Medical School; Director, Public Health Research Institute; Trustee Emeritus, Clarkson University; Council of Trustees, New Jersey Performing Arts Center

Class III | Directors with Term Expiring in 2011

Independent Director:

Richard Reiss, Jr. (64) Director Chairman, Georgica Advisors LLC, an investment manager;

Director, O[Charley[s, Inc., a restaurant chain

Interested Director:

Ashish Bhutani (48) Director Chief Executive Officer of the Investment Manager

(1) Each Director also serves as a Director for The Lazard Funds, Inc., Lazard Retirement Series, Inc. and Lazard World Dividend & Income Fund, Inc. (collectively, the [Lazard Funds]). All of the Independent Directors, except Mr. Lieberman, are also board members of Lazard Alternative Strategies Fund, LLC, a privately-offered fund registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and advised by an affiliate of the Investment Manager.

Board of Directors and Officers Information (concluded) (unaudited)

Name (Age)	Position(s) with the Fund(1)	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Officers: Nathan A. Paul (35)	Vice President and Secretary	Managing Director and General Counsel of the Investment Manager
Stephen St. Clair (50)	Treasurer	Vice President of the Investment Manager
Brian Kawakami (58)	Chief Compliance Officer	Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of the Investment Manager; Chief Compliance Officer at INVESCO, from July 2002 to April 2006
Brian D. Simon (46)	Assistant Secretary	Director of the Investment Manager
Cesar A. Trelles (33)	Assistant Treasurer	Fund Administration Manager of the Investment Manager; Manager for Mutual Fund Finance Group at UBS Global Asset Management, from August 1998 to August 2004

⁽¹⁾ Each officer also serves as an officer for each of the Lazard Funds.

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