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**FORM 4**

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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)  
 03/02/2010

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A common stock <sup>(1)</sup>	03/02/2010		M		62,915	A	€
Class A common stock	03/02/2010		F		28,941 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	\$ 36.09

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
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	(4)	03/02/2010		M	62,915	03/02/2010	03/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	62,915

## 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 03/04/2010

\*\*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).
- Pursuant to an amendment to the retirement policy governing the restricted stock units ("RSUs") of Lazard Ltd (the "Company"), the reporting person met the requirements to receive all of the shares underlying his RSUs that were granted prior to December 31, 2009. The
- (1) amendment provided that 46% of the reporting person's shares could be sold or withheld by the Company to pay applicable taxes and the remainder would be subject to certain restrictions on transfer, and other covenants, in accordance with the vesting schedule of the prior awards.
  - (2) The shares of Class A common stock were acquired upon the conversion Restricted Stock Units.
  - (3) Shares withheld by the Company to cover estimated taxes.
  - (4) Each Restricted Stock Unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Class A common stock of Lazard Ltd.

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