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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Stern Alexander F.

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

11/17/2008

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Lazard Ltd [LAZ]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O LAZARD LTD, 30 **ROCKEFELLER PLAZA**

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Chief Operating Officer Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10020

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Form:

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable

Expiration Title Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

						(Instr. 5)	
Class II Interests of LAZ-MD Holdings LLC	(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	169,174	\$ <u>(1)</u>	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	(2)	Class Common	104,155	\$ <u>(3)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Stern Alexander F. C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10020	Â	Â	Chief Operating Officer	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Alexander F.
Stern

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- The Class II Interests of LAZ-MD Holdings are exchangeable on a one for one basis for Class A comon stock of Lazard Ltd. By their terms 50% of these Class II Interests shall become exchangeable on May 10, 2009 and the other 50% shall become exchangeable on May 10, 2010.
- (2) Of the 104,155 Restricted Stock Units listed, 32,346 vest on March 31, 2010 and 71,809 vest on March 31, 2011.
- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A common stock of Lazard Ltd.

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