

Lazard Ltd  
Form 8-K  
October 15, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT**  
**TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) October 14, 2009**

**Lazard Ltd**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

**Bermuda**

**(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)**

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**001-32492**  
(Commission File Number)

**98-0437848**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton, Bermuda**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**HM 11**  
(Zip Code)

**441-295-1422**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On October 14, 2009, Bruce Wasserstein, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Lazard Ltd, passed away.

The Board of Directors of Lazard has named Steven J. Golub, Vice Chairman of Lazard Ltd, as interim Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately. For a list of the positions and offices held by Mr. Golub, see Executive Officers of the Registrant contained in Lazard Ltd's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

A copy of the press release issued by Lazard Ltd is being filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Report on Form 8-K:

99.1 Press Release issued on October 14, 2009.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: October 14, 2009

**LAZARD LTD**

**By:** /s/ SCOTT D. HOFFMAN  
**Name:** Scott D. Hoffman  
**Title:** Managing Director and General Counsel

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