

BHUTANI ASHISH
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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)
02/21/2019

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Restricted Class A Common Stock | 02/21/2019 | | M | | 272,777 | A | (\$) 339,399 |
| Restricted Class A Common Stock | 02/21/2019 | | F | | 145,174 (2) | D | \$ 36.85 (3) 194,225 (4) |

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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3) |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Performance-based Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁵⁾ | <u>(6)</u> | 02/21/2019 | | A | 272,777 | <u>(1)</u> <u>(1)</u> | Class A Common Stock |
| Performance-based Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁵⁾ | <u>(1)</u> | 02/21/2019 | | M | 272,777 | <u>(1)</u> <u>(1)</u> | Restricted 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 02/25/2019

__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).

The reporting person is eligible for retirement under the Company's RSU Retirement Policy, which is described in the Company's 2018 Proxy Statement. The performance conditions for certain Performance-based Restricted Stock Units ("PRSUs") that were previously granted to the reporting person have been satisfied and, as a result of the reporting person's retirement eligibility, such PRSUs are being

- (1) treated as subject to taxation and have been settled in the form of Restricted Class A Common Stock. The Restricted Class A Common Stock, excluding the portion required to be withheld in order to pay the related taxes (in accordance with the applicable award agreements), will remain subject to all restrictive covenants and sales restrictions contained in the underlying award agreements until the original vesting dates set forth therein.
- (2) Represents shares of Class A Common Stock retained by the Company to cover taxes required to be withheld in connection with the settlement of PRSUs.

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- (3) Represents the New York Stock Exchange closing price of Class A Common Stock on the trading day immediately preceding the settlement date of the PRSUs referenced in Footnote (1).
- (4) Amount excludes 596,863 shares of Class A Common Stock directly or indirectly beneficially owned by the reporting person.
- (5) Represents prior grants of PRSUs awarded with respect to compensation for 2015, 2016 and 2017 for which performance conditions have been satisfied. The grants were previously reflected in the Company's proxy statements for the relevant years.
- (6) Each PRSU (the performance conditions of which have been satisfied) represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock.

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