

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)
08/18/2017

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount or Price			
Restricted Class A Common Stock	08/18/2017		M		2,449	A	\$ 50,995	D
Restricted Class A Common Stock	08/18/2017		F		1,368	D	\$ 42.42	D
					(2)		(3)	
							(4)	

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁵⁾	<u>(6)</u>	08/18/2017		A	2,449	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Class A Common Stock	2,449
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(1)</u>	08/18/2017		M	2,449	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Restricted Class A Common Stock	2,449

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 P of A

08/22/2017

 **Signature of Reporting Person

____Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") granted to the reporting person pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment provisions of underlying Performance-based Restricted Stock Unit ("PRSU") awards have become 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 retained by the Company in order to cover taxes required to be withheld, will remain subject to all restrictive covenants and sales restrictions contained in the underlying award agreements until the original vesting dates set forth therein.

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Represents shares of Class A Common Stock retained by the Company to cover taxes required to be withheld in connection with the settlement of RSUs.

- (3) Represents the New York Stock Exchange closing price of Class A Common Stock on August 17, 2017, the trading day immediately preceding the settlement date.
- (4) Amount excludes 523,456 shares of Class A Common Stock directly or indirectly beneficially owned by the reporting person.
- (5) Additional RSUs were acquired pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment provisions of underlying PRSU awards.
- (6) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock.
- (7) Of these RSUs, 345 will vest on or around March 1, 2018, 1,078 will vest on or around March 1, 2019, and 1,026 will vest on or around March 2, 2020.

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