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**LAZARD GLOBAL TOTAL RETURN AND INCOME FUND, INC.
LAZARD WORLD DIVIDEND & INCOME FUND, INC.**

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**LAZARD WORLD DIVIDEND & INCOME FUND, INC.
LAZARD GLOBAL TOTAL RETURN AND INCOME FUND, INC.
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112**

March 31, 2009

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the Joint Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Lazard World Dividend & Income Fund, Inc. and Lazard Global Total Return and Income Fund, Inc. (each, the Fund) to be held at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, 58th Floor, Conference Room 58B, New York, New York 10112, on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. In addition to voting on the relevant proposals described in the Notice of Joint Annual Meeting of Stockholders, you will have an opportunity to hear a report on your Fund and to discuss other matters of interest to you as a stockholder.

Whether or not you plan to attend, please complete, date, sign and mail the enclosed proxy card to assure that your shares are represented at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Charles Carroll
President

**LAZARD WORLD DIVIDEND & INCOME FUND, INC.
LAZARD GLOBAL TOTAL RETURN AND INCOME FUND, INC.
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112**

**NOTICE OF JOINT ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
To be Held on April 29, 2009**

The Joint Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Lazard World Dividend & Income Fund, Inc. (LOR) and Lazard Global Total Return and Income Fund, Inc. (LGI) and together with LOR, each the Fund), each a Maryland corporation, will be held at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, 58th Floor, Conference Room 58B, New York, New York 10112, on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. (the Annual Meeting), to consider and act upon the following proposals:

Election of the following Directors for LOR:

two Class III Directors of LOR, each to serve for a three-year term expiring at the 2012 Annual Meeting and until his successor is duly elected and qualified;

Election of the following Directors for LGI:

three Class I Directors of LGI, each to serve for a three-year term expiring at the 2012 Annual Meeting and until his successor is duly elected and qualified; and

For Each Fund:

To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting and any adjournment thereof.

The close of business on March 26, 2009 has been fixed as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting and any adjournment thereof.

Your vote is important regardless of the size of your holdings in the Fund(s). Whether or not you expect to be present at the Annual Meeting, please complete and sign the enclosed proxy card and return it promptly in the enclosed envelope, which needs no postage if mailed in the United States. If you desire to vote in person at the Annual Meeting, you may revoke your proxy. The Combined Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting accompanies this Notice and also is available along with proxy cards and other proxy materials at <http://www.lazardnet.com/lam/us/index.shtml>.

By Order of the Boards of Directors

Nathan A. Paul
Secretary

March 31, 2009
New York, New York

**LAZARD WORLD DIVIDEND & INCOME FUND, INC.
LAZARD GLOBAL TOTAL RETURN AND INCOME FUND, INC.
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112**

**COMBINED PROXY STATEMENT
Joint Annual Meeting of Stockholders
April 29, 2009**

This Combined Proxy Statement, which also is available at www.LazardNet.com, is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies on behalf of the Board of Directors of each of Lazard World Dividend & Income Fund, Inc. (LOR) and Lazard Global Total Return and Income Fund, Inc. (LGI) and together with LOR, the Funds), each a Maryland corporation, for use at the Joint Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting) to be held at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, 58th Floor, Conference Room 58B, New York, New York 10112, on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., and at any and all adjournments thereof, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Joint Annual Meeting dated March 31, 2009. Each Fund is a closed-end investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act).

Although each Fund is a separate investment company that holds an annual meeting of stockholders, the Funds Proxy Statements have been combined into this Combined Proxy Statement to reduce expenses to the Funds of soliciting proxies for the Annual Meeting.

Each Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 26, 2009 as the record date (the Record Date) for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. As of the Record Date, 6,880,183 shares of LOR s Common Stock and 9,605,237 shares of LGI s Common Stock were issued and outstanding. This Combined Proxy Statement and the accompanying Notice of Joint Annual Meeting and forms of proxy were sent to stockholders on or about March 31, 2009. Stockholders are entitled to one vote for each Fund share held and fractional votes for each fractional Fund share held. Stockholders can vote only on matters affecting the Fund(s) in which they hold shares. Because the proposals in the Notice of Joint Annual Meeting are separate for each Fund, it is essential that stockholders who own shares in both Funds complete, date, sign and return each proxy card they receive.

If the accompanying form of proxy is properly executed and returned in time to be voted at the Annual Meeting, the shares covered thereby will be voted in accordance with the instructions marked thereon. Executed and returned proxies that are unmarked will be voted FOR the proposals and in the discretion of the persons named as proxies in connection with any other matter which may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof. The Boards of Directors do not know of any matters to be considered at the Annual Meeting other than the matters described in the Notice of Joint Annual Meeting and this Combined Proxy Statement. A stockholder may revoke his or her proxy by appearing at the Annual Meeting and voting in person, or by giving written notice of such revocation to the Secretary of the Funds or by returning a later-dated proxy before the Annual Meeting.

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The presence at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast for a Fund shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business (a Quorum) for that Fund s Annual Meeting. If a Quorum is not present at the Annual Meeting, or if a Quorum is present but sufficient votes to approve a proposal are not received, the persons named as proxies may propose one or more adjournments of the Annual Meeting to permit further solicitation of proxies. In determining whether to adjourn the Annual Meeting, the following factors may be considered: the percentage of votes actually cast, the percentages of favorable votes cast and the nature of any further solicitation. Any adjournment will require the affirmative vote of a majority of those shares that are represented at the Annual Meeting in person or by proxy. Shares represented by properly executed proxies with respect to which a vote is withheld or a broker does not vote will be treated as shares that are present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a Quorum, but will not constitute a vote for a proposal.

In addition to soliciting proxies by mail, the Funds officers or employees of the Funds investment adviser may solicit proxies by telephone or in person. The costs of proxy solicitation and expenses incurred in connection with preparing this Combined Proxy Statement and its enclosures will be paid for by the Funds.

Investment Adviser and Administrator

Lazard Asset Management LLC (LAM), with its principal office located at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112-6300, serves as the Funds investment adviser. State Street Bank and Trust Company, One Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, serves as the Funds administrator.

Election of Directors

The Boards of Directors of the Funds are the same. The following persons currently serve as Directors:

Ashish Bhutani
Charles Carroll
Kenneth S. Davidson
Nancy A. Eckl
Lester Z. Lieberman
Leon M. Pollack
Richard Reiss, Jr.
Robert M. Solmson

At the Annual Meeting, stockholders of the Funds are being asked to elect the following current Directors whose terms expire this year:

(LOR only) Ashish Bhutani and Richard Reiss, Jr.

(LGI only) Charles Carroll, Leon M. Pollack and Robert M. Solmson

Each Fund's Articles of Incorporation provides for three classes of Directors with overlapping three year terms. Each Director nominee would serve until the annual meeting of stockholders in the year his term expires and until his successor is duly elected and qualified. Each Director's and nominee's class and term for each Fund is set forth in the table below.

All stockholders of a Fund will vote for all the nominees for Director for that Fund, and each nominee has agreed to continue to serve as a Director if elected. Each of the nominees was first nominated by the Nominating Committee of each Fund's Board of Directors, consisting of the current Directors who are not interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund (Independent Directors), certain of whom also are nominees. The Board of Directors of each Fund, including all of the Independent Directors, unanimously proposed all of the nominees for election at this Annual Meeting. If any of these nominees is not available for election at the time of the Annual Meeting, the persons named as proxies will vote for such substitute nominee as the Board of Directors may recommend.

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Information about the Nominees and Continuing Directors

Set forth below are the name and certain biographical and other information for the nominees for Director, and the other Directors, as reported to the Funds by each nominee for Director and each continuing Director:

| Name (Age) Position with the Funds Address¹ (Since) | LOR Class Term Expires² | LGI Class Term Expires² | Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years | Other Directorships Held³ |
|--|---|---|--|---|
| <i>Independent Directors</i> | | | | |
| Leon M. Pollack (68) Director (LOR August 2006 LGI August 2006) | Class I Continuing Director 2010 | Class I Nominee 2012 | Former Managing Director, Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette | Trustee, Adelphi University |
| Robert M. Solmson (61) Director (LOR April 2005 LGI September 2004) | Class I Continuing Director 2010 | Class I Nominee 2012 | Former Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, RFS Hotel Investors, Inc. | Director, Colonial Williamsburg Co.; Former Director, Morgan Keegan & Co., Inc.; Former Director, Independent Bank, Memphis |
| Kenneth S. Davidson (63) Director (LOR April 2005 LGI February 2004) | Class II Continuing Director 2011 | Class II Continuing Director 2010 | President, Davidson Capital Management Corporation; President, Aquiline Advisors LLC | Trustee, The Juilliard School; Chairman of the Board, Bridgehampton Chamber Music Festival; Trustee, American Friends of the National Gallery, London |
| Nancy A. Eckl (46) Director (LOR February 2007 LGI February 2007) | Class II Continuing Director 2011 | Class II Continuing Director 2010 | Former Vice President, Trust Investments, American Beacon Advisors, Inc. and Vice President of certain funds advised by American Beacon Advisors, Inc. | Trustee, College Retirement Equities Fund (eight accounts); Trustee, TIAA-CREF Funds (41 funds) and TIAA-CREF Life Funds (10 funds), and Member of the Management Committee of TIAA Separate Account VA-1 |
| Lester Z. Lieberman (78) Director (LOR April 2005 LGI February 2004) | Class II Continuing Director 2011 | Class II Continuing Director 2010 | Private Investor | Chairman, Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey; Director, Cives Steel Co.; Director, Northside Power Transmission Co.; Advisory Trustee, New Jersey Medical School; Director, Public Health Research Institute; Trustee Emeritus, Clarkson University; Council of Trustees, New Jersey Performing Arts Center |

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| Name (Age) Position with the Funds Address¹ (Since) | LOR Class Term Expires² | LGI Class Term Expires² | Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years | Other Directorships Held³ |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| Richard Reiss, Jr. (65) Director (LOR April 2005 LGI February 2004) | Class III Nominee 2012 | Class III Continuing Director 2011 | Chairman, Georgia Advisors LLC, an investment manager | Director, O Charley s, Inc., a restaurant chain |
| <i>Interested Directors⁴</i> | | | | |
| Ashish Bhutani (48) Director (LOR July 2005 LGI July 2005) | Class III Nominee 2012 | Class III Continuing Director 2011 | Chief Executive Officer of LAM | None |
| Charles Carroll (48) Chief Executive Officer, President and Director (LOR April 2005 LGI June 2004) | Class I Continuing Director 2010 | Class I Nominee 2012 | Deputy Chairman and Head of Global Marketing of LAM | None |

1 The address of each Director is Lazard Asset Management LLC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112-6300.

2 For the Nominees, the term stated assumes election by stockholders at this Annual Meeting.

3 Each Director also serves as a Director of The Lazard Funds, Inc. (LFI) and Lazard Retirement Series, Inc. (LRS), open-end registered management investment companies (collectively with the Funds, comprised of 18 investment portfolios, the Lazard Funds). All of the Independent Directors, except Mr. Lieberman, are also board members of Lazard Alternative Strategies Fund, L.L.C., a privately-offered fund registered under the 1940 Act and advised by an affiliate of LAM.

4 Messrs. Bhutani and Carroll are interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Funds (Interested Directors) because of their positions with LAM.

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Set forth below is the name and certain biographical and other information for the Funds' executive officers (in addition to Mr. Carroll), as reported by them to the Funds.

| Name (Age) Address ¹ | Position held with the Funds and Term ² | Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Nathan A. Paul (36) | Vice President and Secretary | Managing Director and General Counsel of LAM |
| Stephen St. Clair (50) | Treasurer | Vice President of LAM |
| Brian D. Simon (46) | Chief Compliance Officer and Assistant Secretary | Director of LAM |
| Cesar A. Trelles (34) | Assistant Treasurer | Fund Administration Manager of LAM; from August 1998 to August 2004, a manager for Mutual Fund Finance Group at UBS Global Asset Management |
| Tamar Goldstein (34) | Assistant Secretary | Vice President of LAM; from May 2004 to October 2006, Associate at Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP |

1 The address of each executive officer of the Funds is Lazard Asset Management LLC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112-6300.

2 Each officer has served as an officer of LGI since February 2004, and each officer has served as an officer of LOR since April 2005, except that: (i) Mr. Trelles has served as an officer of LGI since December 2004, (ii) Mr. Simon has served as Chief Compliance Officer of the Funds since January 2009, and (iii) Ms. Goldstein has served as an officer of the Funds since February 2009. Each officer serves for an indefinite term, until his or her successor is elected and qualified. Each officer serves in the same capacity for the other Lazard Funds.

Beneficial Ownership of Shares of the Funds and the Lazard Funds

Set forth in the table below is the dollar range of aggregate Common Stock of each Fund and the aggregate dollar range of shares of the Lazard Funds beneficially owned by each Director as of January 31, 2009.

| Director | Dollar Range of Common Stock of LOR | Dollar Range of Common Stock of LGI | Aggregate Dollar Range of Shares of the Lazard Funds |
|---------------------|--|--|--|
| Kenneth S. Davidson | None | None | None |
| Nancy A. Eckl | None | None | \$10,001 - \$50,000 |
| Lester Z. Lieberman | None | None | None |
| Leon M. Pollack | None | None | None |
| Richard Reiss, Jr. | None | None | None |
| Robert M. Solmson | None | None | None |
| Ashish Bhutani | None | Over \$100,000* | Over \$100,000* |
| Charles Carroll | \$10,001 - \$50,000 | Over \$100,000 | Over \$100,000 |

* Valued as of March 19, 2009.

As of January 31, 2009, Directors and officers of the Funds, as a group, owned less than 1% of each Fund's outstanding Common Stock.

Board Meetings; Committees of the Boards of Directors

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, the Directors of LGI and LOR met nine times. The Board of Directors of each Fund has two committees, the Audit Committee and the Nominating Committee. Neither Fund has a standing Compensation Committee for the Board. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, each Director attended at least 75% of the aggregate of all of the meetings of the Board of each Fund and 75% of the meetings held by a committee of the Board of each Fund on which he or she served. Although Directors are not required to attend stockholder meetings, Directors are available to participate at the request of stockholders. Mr. Carroll attended the 2008 annual meeting.

The function of each Audit Committee is to (1) oversee the Fund's accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of the Fund's financial statements, (2) assist in Board oversight of the quality and integrity of the Fund's financial statements and the Fund's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements relating to accounting, financial reporting, internal control over financial reporting and independent audits, (3) approve engagement of the independent registered public accounting firm and review and evaluate the qualifications, independence and performance of the independent registered public accounting firm and (4) act as a liaison between the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm and the Board. The Audit Committee of each Fund currently is comprised of all of the Independent Directors. The Audit Committee members of each Fund are also independent under the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange. Each Audit Committee met four times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. The Audit Committee Charter for the Funds is available at http://www.lazardnet.com/lam/us/funds/pdfs/Audit_Committee_Charter.pdf.

Each Fund's Nominating Committee is currently comprised of all of the Independent Directors, and its function is to select and nominate candidates for election to the Fund's Board

of Directors. The Nominating Committee of LOR and LGI each met once during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. Each Nominating Committee is solely responsible for the selection of nominees to the Fund's Board of Directors, and the Nominating Committee will consider recommendations for nominees from stockholders sent to the Secretary of the Fund, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112-6300. Nominations may be submitted only by a stockholder or group of stockholders of a Fund (referred to in either case as a Nominating Stockholder) that, individually or as a group, has beneficially owned the lesser of (a) 1% of the relevant Fund's outstanding shares or (b) \$500,000 of the Fund's shares (calculated at market value) for at least one year prior to the date the Nominating Stockholder submits a candidate for nomination, and not more than one Director nomination may be submitted by a Nominating Stockholder each calendar year.

In evaluating potential nominees, including any nominees recommended by stockholders, each Nominating Committee takes into consideration the factors listed in the Nominating Committee Charter, including character and integrity, business and professional experience, and whether the Nominating Committee believes that the person has the ability to apply sound and independent business judgment and would act in the interest of the Fund and its stockholders. A nomination submission must include all information relating to the recommended nominee that is required to be disclosed in solicitations or proxy statements for the election of Directors, as well as information sufficient to evaluate the factors listed above. Nomination submissions must be accompanied by a written consent of the individual to stand for election if nominated by the Board and to serve if elected by the stockholders, and such additional information must be provided regarding the recommended nominee as reasonably requested by the Nominating Committee. A nomination submission must be received not less than 120 calendar days before the date of the Fund's proxy statement released to stockholders in connection with the previous year's annual meeting. The Nominating Committee Charter for the Funds is not available on the Funds' or LAM's website, but was attached to the Funds' Combined Proxy Statement for the 2006 Annual Meeting as Appendix C. The Funds' Combined Proxy Statement for the 2006 Annual Meeting is available on the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) at www.sec.gov.

Remuneration of Directors and Executive Officers

The executive officers of the Funds and the Interested Directors receive no direct remuneration from the Funds. The Independent Directors are compensated for their services to the Lazard Funds at the rate of \$60,000 annually, plus \$4,000 per Board meeting attended in person or \$1,500 per Board meeting attended by telephone, and are reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket expenses relating to attendance at such meetings. The Independent Directors also are paid \$1,000 for each committee, subcommittee or other special meetings not held in conjunction with a Board meeting, as specifically authorized by the Board and held in connection with delegated Fund business. The Chairman of the Audit Committees, Lester Z. Lieberman, receives an additional annual fee of \$5,000.

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The following table summarizes the compensation paid by each Fund and by the Lazard Funds for the calendar year ended December 31, 2008.

| Director | Aggregate Compensation from LOR | Aggregate Compensation from LGI | Aggregate Compensation from the Lazard Funds |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Kenneth S. Davidson | \$ 1,032 | \$ 1,823 | \$ 84,000 |
| Nancy A. Eckl | \$ 1,036 | \$ 1,839 | \$ 85,000 |
| Lester Z. Lieberman | \$ 1,056 | \$ 1,873 | \$ 86,500 |
| Leon M. Pollack | \$ 1,013 | \$ 1,794 | \$ 83,000 |
| Richard Reiss, Jr. | \$ 1,013 | \$ 1,794 | \$ 83,000 |
| Robert M. Solmson | \$ 1,013 | \$ 1,794 | \$ 83,000 |
| Ashish Bhutani* | None | None | None |
| Charles Carroll* | None | None | None |

* Interested Director.

Share Ownership and Certain Beneficial Owners

As of the Record Date Cede & Co. held 100% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock of each Fund. To the Funds' knowledge, no person owned beneficially 5% or more of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of each Fund as of the Record Date, except that 1607 Capital Partners, LLC, 4991 Lake Brook Drive, Suite 125, Glen Allen, VA 23060 filed on February 17, 2009 a beneficial ownership report on Schedule 13G with the SEC stating that as of December 31, 2008 it beneficially owned 840,645 shares of Common Stock of LGI. Based on such filing, this holding represented approximately 8.75% of LGI's outstanding shares of Common Stock as of December 31, 2008. (Cede & Co. is the nominee name for The Depository Trust Company, a large clearing house that holds shares in its name for banks, brokers and institutions in order to expedite the sale and transfer of stock.) As of the Record Date, LAM did not beneficially own any shares of Common Stock of LOR or LGI.

Compliance With Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

To each Fund's knowledge, all of its officers and Directors complied with all filing requirements under Section 16(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. To each Fund's knowledge, there were no beneficial holders of more than 10% of its Common Stock subject to the filing requirements under the 1934 Act during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. In making this disclosure, each Fund has relied solely on representations of its current Directors and officers and on copies of reports that have been filed with the SEC.

Required Vote

A plurality of the votes cast at a meeting at which a Quorum is present shall be sufficient to elect Directors for each Fund.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EACH FUND, INCLUDING ALL OF
THE INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS, UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE
STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR EACH NOMINEE FOR DIRECTOR.**

Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The 1940 Act requires that each Fund's independent registered public accounting firm be selected by a majority of the Independent Directors of the Fund. One of the purposes of each Fund's Audit Committee is to recommend to the Fund's Board the selection, retention or termination of the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund. At a joint meeting held on February 26, 2009, each Fund's Audit Committee recommended and each Fund's Board, including a majority of the Independent Directors, approved the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP (Deloitte) as each Fund's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009. Deloitte also served as the Funds' independent registered public accounting firm for each Fund's fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. A representative of Deloitte will not be present at the Annual Meeting, but will be available by telephone and will have an opportunity to make a statement (if the representative so desires) and to respond to appropriate questions.

After reviewing each Fund's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, each Fund's Audit Committee recommended to the Fund's Board that such statements be included in the Fund's Annual Report to stockholders. A copy of the Audit Committees' joint report for the Funds is attached as Appendix A to this Combined Proxy Statement.

Audit Fees. The aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by Deloitte for the audit of LOR's and LGI's annual financial statements, or services that are normally provided by Deloitte in connection with the statutory and regulatory filings or engagements, in 2007 were \$50,000 for each Fund, and in 2008 were \$60,000 for each Fund.

Audit-Related Fees. There were no fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years by Deloitte to either LOR or LGI for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audits of either Funds' financial statements, which are not reported above.

Tax Fees. The aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by Deloitte for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning (Tax Services) in 2007 were \$6,195 for LOR and \$6,180 for LGI and in 2008 were \$6,375 for each Fund. For each Fund, these Tax Services consisted of (i) review or preparation of U.S. federal, state, local and excise tax returns; and (ii) U.S. federal, state and local tax planning, advice and assistance regarding statutory, regulatory or administrative developments.

All Other Fees. There were no fees billed to the Funds in each of the last two fiscal years for products and services provided by Deloitte, other than the services reported above.

Non-Audit Fees. The aggregate non-audit fees billed by Deloitte for services rendered to each Fund and rendered to LAM or any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with LAM that provides ongoing services to the Funds (Service Affiliates) in 2007 and 2008 were \$885,500 and \$945,875, respectively.

Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures. Each Fund's Audit Committee pre-approves Deloitte's engagements for audit and non-audit services to the Fund and, as required, non-audit services to Service Affiliates on a case-by-case basis. Pre-approval considerations include whether the proposed services are compatible with maintaining

Deloitte's independence. There were no services provided by Deloitte to either Fund or Service Affiliates that were approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X during the last two fiscal years of the Funds.

There were no fees billed by Deloitte to Service Affiliates for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2008 that required pre-approval by the Funds' Audit Committees. The Funds' Audit Committees have considered whether the provision of non-audit services rendered to Service Affiliates that did not require pre-approval by the Audit Committees is compatible with maintaining Deloitte's independence.

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Stockholder Meeting To Be Held on April 29, 2009**

The following materials relating to this Combined Proxy Statement are available at <http://www.lazardnet.com/lam/us/index.shtml>:

this Combined Proxy Statement;

the accompanying Notice of Joint Annual Meeting;

information on how to obtain directions to attend the meeting in person;

proxy cards and any other proxy materials;

**each Fund's Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.
Annual Report**

Each Fund will furnish, without charge, a copy of its Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 to any stockholder upon request. Requests for the Annual Report of a Fund should be made by writing to the Fund at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112-6300 or by calling 800-823-6300.

Please note that only one annual report or information statement may be delivered to two or more stockholders of a Fund who share an address, unless the Fund has received instructions to the contrary. To request a separate copy of an annual report or this information statement, or for instructions as to how to request a separate copy of these documents or as to how to request a single copy if multiple copies of these documents are received, stockholders should contact their Fund(s) at the address and phone number set forth above.

Other Matters to Come Before the Meeting

The Directors do not intend to present any other business at the Annual Meeting nor are they aware that any stockholder intends to do so. If, however, any other matters are properly brought before the Annual Meeting, the persons named in the accompanying proxy will vote thereon in accordance with their judgment.

Stockholders who wish to communicate with Directors should send communications to the relevant Fund, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112-6300, to the attention of the Secretary. The Secretary is responsible for determining, in consultation with other officers of the Fund and Fund counsel, which stockholder communications will be directed to the Director or Directors indicated in the communication.

Additional Voting Information; Expenses of Proxy Solicitation

The Funds will bear the cost of soliciting proxies on behalf of the Funds' Boards of Directors. Proxies may be solicited by mail, in person or by telephone, and the Funds may reimburse persons holding Fund shares in their name or those of their nominees for their expenses in sending soliciting materials to their principals. The total expenses of the Annual Meeting, including the solicitation of proxies and the expenses incurred in connection with the preparation of the Combined Proxy Statement, are approximately \$60,000.

Authorizations to execute proxies may be obtained by telephonic transmitted instructions in accordance with procedures designed to authenticate the stockholder's identity. In all cases where a telephonic proxy is solicited, the stockholder will be asked to provide his or her full name, address, social security number or taxpayer identification number and the number of shares owned and to confirm that the stockholder has received the Combined Proxy Statement and proxy card(s) in the mail. Within 72 hours of receiving a stockholder's telephonic transmitted voting instructions, a confirmation will be sent to the stockholder to ensure that the vote has been taken in accordance with the stockholder's instructions and to provide a telephone number to call immediately if the stockholder's instructions are not correctly reflected in the confirmation.

Voting Results

Each Fund will advise its stockholders of the voting results of the matters voted upon at the Annual Meeting in its next Semi-Annual Report to Stockholders.

Stockholder Proposals

Any proposals of stockholders that are intended to be presented at the Funds' 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders in accordance with Rule 14a-8 under the 1934 Act must be received at the Funds' principal executive offices no later than December 1, 2009 and must comply with all other legal requirements in order to be included in the Funds' Combined Proxy Statement and forms of proxy for that meeting. For other stockholder proposals to be presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting, a stockholder's notice shall be delivered to the Secretary of the relevant Fund at the Fund's principal office no earlier than January 29, 2010 and no later than February 28, 2010. If the 2010 Annual Meeting is advanced by more than 30 days or delayed by more than 60 days from April 29, 2010 then timely notice must be delivered not earlier than the 90th day prior to such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 60th day prior to such annual meeting or the tenth day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made.

**NOTICE TO BANKS, BROKER/DEALERS AND VOTING TRUSTEES
AND THEIR NOMINEES**

Please advise the Funds whether other persons are the beneficial owners of Fund shares for which proxies are being solicited from you, and, if so, the number of copies of the Combined Proxy Statement and other soliciting material you wish to receive in order to supply copies to the beneficial owners of Fund shares.

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PROXIES BE RETURNED PROMPTLY.
STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO VOTE BY MAIL.**

By Order of the Boards of Directors

Nathan A. Paul
Secretary

New York, New York
March 31, 2009

APPENDIX A

JOINT REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEES

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of each Fund oversees the Fund's accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of the Fund's financial statements. Each Committee operates pursuant to an Audit Committee Charter. As set forth in the Charter, management of each Fund is responsible for the preparation, presentation and integrity of the Fund's financial statements, the Fund's accounting and financial and reporting principles and internal controls and procedures designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations.

In the performance of its oversight function, each Committee has considered and discussed the December 31, 2008 audited financial statements of the relevant Fund with management and with Deloitte & Touche LLP ("Deloitte"), the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm. The Committee has also discussed with Deloitte the matters required to be discussed by the PCAOB Ethics and Independence Rule 3526, *Communication with Audit Committees Concerning Independence*, as currently in effect. The Committee reviewed with Deloitte, who is responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of those audited financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles, their judgment as to the quality, not just the acceptability, of each Fund's accounting principles and such other matters as are required to be discussed with the Committee under generally accepted auditing standards. Finally, each Committee has reviewed the written disclosures and the letter from Deloitte required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1, *Independence Discussions With Audit Committees*, as currently in effect and has discussed with Deloitte the independence of the independent registered public accounting firm.

Each Committee discussed with Deloitte the overall scope and plans for the audit. The Committees met with Deloitte, with and without management present, to discuss the results of its examinations, its evaluations of each Fund's internal controls, and the overall quality of the Fund's financial reporting.

Based upon the reports and discussions described in this report, and subject to the limitations on the role and responsibilities of the Committee referred to below and in the Charter, each Committee recommended to the Board of Directors (and the Board has approved) that the audited financial statements be included in each Fund's Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Stockholders are reminded, however, that the Members of each Committee are not professionally engaged in the practice of auditing or accounting. Members of the Committees rely without independent verification on the information provided to them and on the representations made by management and Deloitte. Accordingly, each Committee's oversight does not provide an independent basis to determine that management has maintained appropriate accounting and financial reporting principles or appropriate internal control and procedures designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations. Furthermore, the Committees' considerations and discussions referred to above

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do not assure that the audit of each Fund's financial statements has been carried out in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, that the financial statements are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or that Deloitte is, in fact, independent.

Lester Z. Lieberman, Audit Committee Chairman

Kenneth S. Davidson, Audit Committee Member

Nancy A. Eckl, Audit Committee Member

Leon M. Pollack, Audit Committee Member

Richard Reiss, Jr., Audit Committee Member

Robert M. Solmson, Audit Committee Member

February 26, 2009

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LAZARD WORLD DIVIDEND & INCOME FUND, INC.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS - APRIL 29, 2009
COMMON STOCK PROXY SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

PROXY

The undersigned holder of shares of Common Stock of Lazard World Dividend & Income Fund, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Fund"), hereby appoints Nathan A. Paul and Brian D. Simon, and each of them, with full power of substitution and revocation, as proxies to represent the undersigned at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Fund to be held at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, 58th Floor, Conference Room 58B, New York, New York 10112, on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., and at any and all adjournments thereof, and thereat to vote all shares of Common Stock of the Fund which the undersigned would be entitled to vote, with all powers the undersigned would possess if personally present, in accordance with the instructions on this proxy.

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PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE PROVIDED.**

Dated: _____

Signature(s)

(Sign in the Box)

Note: Please sign exactly as name or names appear on this proxy. If stock is held jointly, each holder should sign. If signing as attorney, trustee, executor, administrator, custodian, guardian or corporate officer, please give full title.

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When properly signed, the voting interest represented by this card will be voted as instructed below.
If no instruction is given for the proposal, voting will be FOR the proposal.

| | FOR | WITHHO AUTHORI |
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| 1a. With respect to the proposal to elect Mr. Ashish Bhutani as a Class III Director: | 0 | 0 |
| 1b. With respect to the proposal to elect Mr. Richard Reiss, Jr. as a Class III Director: | 0 | 0 |
| 2. In their discretion, on such other matters as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournment thereof. | 0 | 0 |

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**LAZARD GLOBAL TOTAL RETURN AND INCOME FUND, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS - APRIL 29, 2009
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Signature(s)

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| | FOR | WITHHOLD AUTHORITY |
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| 1a. With respect to the proposal to elect Mr. Charles Carroll as a Class I Director: | 0 | 0 |
| 1b. With respect to the proposal to elect Mr. Leon M. Pollack as a Class I Director: | 0 | 0 |
| 1b. With respect to the proposal to elect Mr. Robert M. Solmson as a Class I Director: | 0 | 0 |
| 2. In their discretion, on such other matters as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournment thereof. | 0 | 0 |

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