

Lazard Ltd  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**HEYER STEVEN J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

**NEW YORK, NY 10020**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**Lazard Ltd [LAZ]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**05/15/2012**

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)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Underlying Securities
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Deferred Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(2)</u>	05/15/2012	A		1,682		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Class A common stock	1,682	\$ 0

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HEYER STEVEN J C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10020		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Steven J. Heyer by Scott D. Hoffman under a P of A 05/17/2012

\_\_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 elected to receive additional Deferred Stock Units under the Directors' Fee Deferral Unit Plan, which allows

(1) Non-Executive Directors to elect to receive additional Deferred Stock Units pursuant to either the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan or the 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan in lieu of some or all of the reporting person's quarterly cash fees.

(2) The Deferred Stock Units shall be converted into Lazard Ltd Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis upon the reporting person's retirement or resignation from the Board of Directors of Lazard Ltd.

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