

JORDAN VERNON E JR
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FORM 4

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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 *
 JORDAN VERNON E JR

(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)
 02/10/2012

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Class A common stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/10/2012 | | A | | 37,591 | A | \$ 0 122,385 |
| Class A common stock | 02/10/2012 | | F | | 16,240 ⁽²⁾ | D | \$ 27.4 106,145 |

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 and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JORDAN VERNON E JR C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10020 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. by Scott D. Hoffman under P of A 02/13/2012

__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).
- As the reporting person is retirement eligible pursuant to the terms of Lazard's RSU Retirement Policy, he was awarded restricted stock in lieu of restricted stock units. Pursuant to the reporting person's election under section 83(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, the restricted stock was taxable upon grant. The shares of restricted stock will vest in two tranches, 33.33% on March 3, 2014 and the other 66.67% on March 2, 2015.
- (1) Shares withheld by the Company to cover estimated taxes.

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