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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 *
 Alper Andrew M

(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)
 02/15/2017

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)

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)	Amount		
				Code	V		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	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

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(2)</u> 02/15/2017			A		786		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Class A Common Stock	786 \$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Alper Andrew M C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10112	X			

Signatures

/s/ Andrew M. Alper by Scott D. Hoffman under a P
of A 02/16/2017

 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Deferred Stock Units ("DSUs") were awarded under Lazard Ltd's 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan as part of the Non-Executive Director Compensation arrangement.
- (2) The DSUs will be converted into Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis on or around the date that the reporting person resigns from, or otherwise ceases to be a member of, the Board of Directors of Lazard Ltd.

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