

Hoffman Scott D
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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 *
Hoffman Scott D

(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)
12/24/2018

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)
CAO and General Counsel

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 |
| Restricted Class A Common Stock | 12/24/2018 | | M | | 48,321 | A | (1) 48,321 |
| Restricted Class A Common Stock | 12/24/2018 | | M | | 25,308 | A | (1) 73,629 |
| Restricted Class A Common Stock | 12/24/2018 | | M | | 38,863 | D | (2) 34,766 |

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|----------------------------|------------|---|----------------------|---|--------------------------|---------|---|
| Class A Common Stock | 12/24/2018 | M | 38,863 | A | (2) | 127,597 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/24/2018 | D | <u>38,863</u> (3) | D | \$ <u>34.8</u> (4) | 88,734 | D |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Performance-based Restricted Stock Units (5) | (1) | 12/24/2018 | | M | 48,321 | (1) (1) | Restricted Class A Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Units (6) | (1) | 12/24/2018 | | M | 25,308 | (1) (1) | Restricted Class A Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hoffman Scott D C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10112 | | | CAO and General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ Scott D.
Hoffman

12/27/2018

__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 has become eligible for retirement under the Company's RSU Retirement Policy, which is described in the Company's 2018 Proxy Statement. As a result of the foregoing, certain RSUs, and certain PRSUs for which the performance conditions have been satisfied, that were previously granted to the reporting person are no longer subject to the service-based vesting requirements contained in the underlying award agreements. Such RSUs and PRSUs (for which the performance conditions have been satisfied) are being treated as subject to taxation and have been settled in the form of Restricted Class A Common Stock. The Restricted Class A Common Stock, excluding any portion that the reporting person is permitted to sell solely in order to pay the related taxes (in accordance with the applicable award agreements), will remain subject to all restrictive covenants contained in the underlying award agreements until the original vesting dates set forth in the award agreements.
- (1) Represents the portion of the Restricted Class A Common Stock that the reporting person is permitted to sell solely in order to pay the related taxes (in accordance with the applicable award agreements).
 - (2) Represents shares of Class A Common Stock sold to the Company to cover estimated taxes arising from the settlement of PRSUs and RSUs.
 - (3) Represents the New York Stock Exchange closing price of Class A Common Stock on December 21, 2018, the trading day immediately preceding the settlement date of the PRSUs and RSUs referenced in Footnote (1).
 - (4) Represents prior grants of PRSUs awarded with respect to compensation for 2015 and 2016 for which performance conditions have been satisfied. These grants were previously reflected in the Company's proxy statements for the relevant years.
 - (5) Represents RSUs previously acquired pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment provisions of underlying PRSU awards.

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